

# APPLIED POLITICS, CERTIFICATE

The Certificate in Applied Politics focuses on practical politics and experiential learning. It is designed for graduate students interested in election campaigns, digital strategy and messaging, fundraising, managing organizations, government relations, civic engagement, and other political activities. Believing that democracy is best served by having active and informed citizens, the certificate is open to all students, no matter what their degree program.

Enrollment status as full-time or part-time, special, or non-degree in any department of the University. Students who are pursuing a graduate degree in other departments at the University of Akron may be admitted to the certificate program upon the recommendation of the chair/director of the department/school in which they are enrolled. The student shall schedule courses with the consultation of the applied politics advisor.

## Requirements

Students must complete 18 total credits consisting of core courses, elective courses, and internship credits.

### Required Core Courses - 12 credits minimum selected from the following:

Code	Title	Hours
POLIT 555	Civic Engagement and Political Behavior	3
POLIT 556	Deliberation and Political Disagreement	3
POLIT 570	Fundamentals of Political Strategy	3
POLIT 571	Fundamentals of Electoral Messaging	3
POLIT 572	Campaign Finance, Fundraising, and Budgeting	3
POLIT 578	Fundamentals of the Digital Campaign	3
POLIT 600	Scope & Theories of Political Science	3

### Required Internship - 3 credits minimum

Code	Title	Hours
POLIT 695	Internship in Government & Politics	3-6

### Elective Courses - 3 credits selected from the following (or above):

Code	Title	Hours
POLIT 500	Political Extremism & Violence	3
POLIT 502	Politics and the Media	3
POLIT 522	Understanding Racial & Gender Conflicts	3
POLIT 523	Women, Gender, and Politics	3
POLIT 527	Campaign Battleground	3
POLIT 528	Ohio Politics	3
POLIT 540	Survey Research Methods	3
POLIT 541	The Policy Process	3
POLIT 542	Methods of Policy Analysis	3
POLIT 563	Human Rights in World Politics	3
POLIT 573	Voter Contact & Elections	3
POLIT 574	Political Opinion, Behavior & Electoral Politics	3
POLIT 575	American Interest Groups	3
POLIT 576	American Political Parties	3

POLIT 577	Government Relations and Lobbying	3
POLIT 580	Policy Problems in Political Science	3
POLIT 590	Workshop in Political Science	1-3
POLIT 592	Selected Topics in Political Science	3
POLIT 601	Research Methods in Political Science	3
POLIT 630	Seminar in National Politics	3
POLIT 655	Campaign and Election Law	3
POLIT 672	Seminar: Political Influence & Organizations	3
POLIT 695	Internship in Government & Politics <sup>1</sup>	3-6
POLIT 690	Special Topics in Political Science	1-3
POLIT 697	Independent Research & Readings	1-4
POLIT 699	Master's Thesis	2-6

<sup>1</sup> If students complete more than 3 credits of this course in fulfillment of their core requirements, the additional credit may be applied toward this elective category.